

Amendments to the Specification

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner has requested that Applicants submit a substitute specification, excluding the claims, with this Response. The substitute specification submitted herewith reflects amendments to the Specification previously submitted to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in:

1. Preliminary Amendment (dated April 16, 2004);
2. Response to Non-Final Office Action (dated June 27, 2007); and
3. Response to Final Office Action (dated March 3, 2008).

Applicants have made amendments to the Specification in connection with the present Response. These most current amendments are shown in paragraphs [0008], [0009], and [0036] of the substitute specification. Language deleted from the Specification is shown in strike-through and language added to the Specification has been underlined.